

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace paragraphs [0011] to [0013] with:

[0011] Figure 2 is an illustration ~~a photo~~ of a linear-tapered width micro-cantilever of the present invention;

[0012] Figure 3 is an illustration ~~a photo~~ of a parabolic-tapered width micro-cantilever of the present invention;

[0013] Figure 4 is an illustration ~~a photo~~ of an exponential-tapered width micro-cantilever of the present invention;

Replace paragraph [0018] with:

[0018] Figure 9a is an illustration ~~a photo~~ of a micro-cantilever having open windows in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;

Replace paragraph [0019] with:

[0019] Figure 9b is an illustration ~~photo~~ of a micro-bridge having open windows in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;

[0019.1] Figure 9c is an illustration of the micro-bridge of Figure 9b illustrating the strain relief in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;

Replace paragraph [0043] with:

[0043] One problem that may occur with tapered-width micro-bridges is the large area of the bridge in relation to the starting width of the bridge. The weight of the bridge may cause undue stress and/or strain at the start of the bridge (i.e., the pinion). One way to reduce the problem is to provide lateral stress relief such as those found in gyros or windows 312 (see Figs. 9a and 9b). Additionally, adding a strain relief (see 314 in Fig. 9c) to the pinion ends reduces the strain on the micro-bridge.